

SOUND SHORE WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE 2005 RULES AND REGULATIONS

THE PURPOSE OF THE SOUND SHORE WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE IS TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS FROM THE COMMUNITIES OF THE CITY OF RYE AND THE VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH A RECREATIONAL SPORTING EVENT. THE EMPHASIS OF THE LEAGUE IS NOT ON COMPETITION, BUT RATHER PARTICIPATION OF ALL TEAM MEMBERS.

ROSTERS

Rosters may not exceed twenty five (25) players and must have a minimum of twelve (12) players. Complete Rosters and proof of eligibility must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005. Roster changes and deletions may be made until 5 p.m. on Friday, **July 1, 2005.**

Changes to your roster can be made before the July 1st deadline by submitting proof of eligibility to the Recreation Office during office hours before the new player participates in her first game. A player may not be added to your roster at the field.

ELIGIBILITY

A) Rye

1. Permanent, legal residents of the City of Rye.
2. Full time employees of a company based in Rye and working out of that branch. Full time means at least 35 hours per week.
3. Former residents that have **continually** played in this league.
4. 17 years of age or older. (High School students playing a spring sport may only play once their spring sport is over.)

B) Port Chester

1. Permanent, legal residents of the Village of Port Chester or Port Chester School District 4 in Rye Brook.
2. Full time employees of a company based in the Village of Port Chester and working out of that branch. Full time means 35 hours per week.
3. 17 years of age or older (High School students playing a spring sport may only play once their spring sport season is over).
4. Former residents who have **continually** played in this league.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

Residency challenge: The managers must provide a player's proof of residency if a player is protested. The burden of proof is on the manager and player, not the recreation department.

*****EACH TEAM IS ALLOWED THREE (3) NON-RESIDENT PLAYERS*****

If a player participates illegally or is found ineligible, there will be a \$50.00 fine for the game the player participated in, as well as forfeiture of the game in protest. The fine must be paid prior to the next scheduled game.

FORFEITS

- A) A team shall be dropped from the league after their second forfeit. Games played by dropped teams shall stand as played. The remainder of the games shall count as wins for opposing teams. Double forfeits count as losses for both teams.
- B) If a team incurs a forfeit due to injury, that game shall count as a loss, not a forfeit. If the forfeit results from not having nine women at game time or ejection, then it shall count as a loss and a forfeit.
- C) A team that is suspended from the league is suspended from the league for one year. Players from the team may participate on other teams during the suspension year, but no more than six per team. Grandfathered players from a suspended team risk losing their eligibility, unless another team picks them up.
- D) A forfeit will be waived and only a loss will be issued if the league director is notified within 48 hours of a scheduled game that your team is unable to field a team.
The manager must inform the league director by the Friday prior to a Monday or Tuesday scheduled game to avoid the forfeit.

PROTESTS

A protest based on an umpire's judgment is not permitted. A protest based on a rule interpretation or player eligibility is a valid protest. When questioning a player's eligibility, the team filing the protest must inform the umpire of the protest before the game or as soon as the player enters the game. All other protests must be filed immediately after the play in question. The team manager making the protest must notify the umpire before the next pitch that the game is being protested and the grounds of the protest. The umpire will then inform the other team of the situation. A written account of the game situation (how many outs, who is on base, who is up, etc.) is to go in the book and signed by both managers and the umpire.

Teams have 24 hours to submit a written protest plus a \$25 protest fee to the Recreation Office. If the protested game occurs on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, then the protest must be filed by Monday at 5pm. No protest will be considered without a written submission. The team protested against then has 24 hours to present their version of what happened. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be refunded.

PLAYER CONDUCT

The drinking of alcoholic beverages on the playing field is prohibited. This applies to all players and coaches regardless of whether they are playing in the game at that point or not. Any player breaking this rule will be immediately ejected from the game and also be suspended from her next game. Umpires and Recreation Staff are instructed to enforce this rule. If your team would like to drink alcoholic beverages at the conclusion of the games, please use the upper or lower picnic shelters and obtain the proper permit. For games played at Rye High School or Osborn School, the drinking of any alcoholic beverages before, during or even after the game is prohibited. It is against the law to drink alcohol on school grounds.

Profanity/ Abusive language will not be tolerated.

Any player, manager or coach removed from the game for any reason will also be suspended from his next game.

Any particular person receiving two (2) ejections in the same season is automatically suspended for that season. If the second violation occurs in the month of August, the suspension will be in effect through the end of June of the following season.

Any player, manager or coach found guilty of physically abusing an umpire or another player in any way will be automatically removed from the league for the remainder of the season. If the violation occurs in the month of August, the suspension will be in effect through the end of June of the following season.

The Rye Recreation Department reserves the right to review each situation individually.

Any spectators who run onto the field during the game could risk suspension from the facility. Any spectators who play in a Rye Softball League could get suspended from future games or the entire season. A spectator is defined as “any person who is not a manager, player or coach involved in the current game.”

RULES

The official ASA Rules shall be used in this league except where local rules supercede. Local rules shall include:

1. Game time in May, June and July is 6:30pm; August games are 6:15pm. There is also a 15-minute forfeit time.
2. A team must have nine (9) women ready to play by game time or risk a game forfeit. If after the fifteen minute grace period a team does not have nine men ready to play, they shall forfeit the game by a score of 7-0. A team may add a tenth player at anytime during the game and that player bats tenth. A team cannot add the 11th and/or 12th extra hitter(s) after the game has started.
3. **Lineups must be submitted before game time** and include last names. Teams may risk forfeiture of the game for failure to include last names on the score sheet. Home team submits their lineup first, and is also responsible for scoring in the official scorebook.
4. Players, managers and coaches are to be on the correct side of the field and stay on the players' bench when not in the field. Home team shall be on the third base side of the field.
5. The Rye Recreation Department schedules and reschedules all games. All games must be played as scheduled. No teams may reschedule games.
6. If there is a question concerning cancellation of games due to the weather or conditions of fields, players, managers or coaches should call the ***HOTLINE NUMBER, (914)-390-1379 AFTER 4:30 pm*** on game night. If the conditions are still in question near game time, teams should report to the field at the scheduled time. The umpire will make the final decision at this time.
7. Lightning in the area is a justifiable cause to postpone a game. Severe lightning will immediately cancel the game. Sporadic lightning will delay the game based on umpire's judgment.
8. **Players may play for only one team.** Once a player participates in one league game, she is considered a permanent member of that team and cannot play for any other team. If a player's name appears on two rosters, the first game she participates in will determine which team she is on. Violation of this rule will result in suspension for the season.
9. Metal spikes may not be worn in a game.

10. One person, player or manager, is to be the designated spokesperson for the team. Only this person is to talk to the umpires in the case of any disputes. Other players/managers getting involved in the controversy are subject to game suspension upon the umpire's discretion.
11. In **MOST** cases team managers will be notified at least 48 hours before a makeup game is scheduled.
12. **The second foul ball after two strikes shall be an out.**
13. All regular season games will be seven (7) innings long, except in the instance of rain, darkness, extra innings or curfew. In the instance of rain or darkness, an official game must go five (5) innings, unless the home team is winning after 4-1/2 innings.
14. When a defensive player clearly has the ball and is waiting for the runner and the runner deliberately with great force crashes into the defensive player, the runner is declared out. The offender shall be ejected, the ball is dead and all other base runners must return to the last base touched at the time of the collision.
15. Makeup's may be scheduled by the department for any day of the week, for any field in Rye. Should there be an extremely large number of rainouts, the extra makeups will be played on Sundays.
16. Courtesy runners may be used. Prior to the game the manager is responsible for informing the umpires as to which of their player(s) require a courtesy runner (**maximum of 2**). If any of those players reach first base and stay there, a courtesy runner may be used. If the batter goes to second as a result of an overthrow/dead ball, he/she is still entitled to a courtesy runner. The player who made the last out will become the courtesy runner.
17. Players hitting the catcher or umpire with a thrown bat will be automatically declared out.
18. **A player must participate in at least four games to be eligible for the playoffs.**
19. The umpire may ask a player to remove their jewelry if they feel it presents an unsafe situation.
20. Fake tags will result in an automatic ejection from the game.
21. Managers need to restrict pre-game practice (batting & throwing) until all spectators and players from a high school contest are cleared from the playing fields.
22. The pitching mounds used are 46 feet. (Front mound at Rye Recreation / middle mound at RHS)
23. A player that is pregnant must provide the league medical approval from their doctor in order to continue participation.
24. The team has the option of using an 11th or 12th player in the batting order. If the team chooses this option the umpire must be notified prior to the start of the game. A team may not add an 11th or 12th batter to the line-up after the first pitch of the game is thrown.
25. BATS:
 - A) ONLY SINGLE WALL BATS ARE ALLOWED.
Single wall bats that exceed a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.20 will not be allowed.

A player found using an illegal bat would be subject to the following penalties:

Penalties to be assessed:

- 1) Player is declared out*
- 2) Player is ejected from the current game*
- 3) Player is suspended from his next game*

Please note:

- 1) Any particular person receiving two (2) ejections in the same season is automatically suspended for that season. If the second violation occurs in the month of August, the suspension will be in effect through the end of June of the following season.*
 - 2) If the ejection results in the team not having nine eligible players, then the game shall count as a loss and a forfeit.*
- B) Please note that new bats come out on the market throughout the season, please call the league director for approval before purchasing a new bat.
- C) A team may challenge an illegal bat in two situations:
- #1) Once the umpire is ready to accept the batter if the batter is found to be using an illegal bat than the bat is taken out of the game and the batter will be subject to the penalties listed above.*
- #2) Immediately after the play in question ~ If the batter is found to be using an illegal bat than the bat is taken out of the game, all base runners must return to their original base and the player is subject to the penalties listed above.*
- D) If the umpire is uncertain if the bat is legal or illegal, the bat will be taken out of the game and cannot be used. The umpire will write down the make and model of the bat in question for the league director.
- In the case where the bat is questioned before the player has batted and the umpire is uncertain, than the bat is removed from the game but the batter has the right to choose another bat.
- Situation Example: A batter gets a base hit, the fielding team challenges the bat used. The umpire is uncertain if the bat is legal or illegal. The result will be the umpire takes the bat out of the game- the umpire will write down the make and model of the bat in question for the league director. The play stands and the game continues. The decision to let the play stand and continue the game is not a protest situation.

****The Rye Recreation Department reserves the right to impose any additional regulations it deems appropriate or in the best interest of the league.****